

WASHINGTON'S OIL FEVER COMING TO ITS CRISIS

Maryland and District Soon
to Know Facts

WELL NOW DOWN 750 FEET

A Boom or a Worthless Boring to Be
Result—Indications Good—Oldest
Inhabitants' Stories.

Prospecting in the oil fields of Prince George county, Md., which was described in The Sunday Times of June 15 is going on steadily. The work done so far has given such satisfactory results that a double force is kept steadily drilling, one shift working all day and the other during the night. Before very long it will be possible to determine whether Maryland and the District are really to have an oil field or not.

The depth reported to have been reached yesterday was 750 feet; the apparent delay has been caused by quicksands, which have been struck repeatedly between strata of heavy clays, which have given the drillers a great deal of trouble to overcome. These sands are much like soft limestone and are said to be impregnated with oil. Pockets of gas and several deposits of lignite have been struck, and the drillers, who are operators from the Pennsylvania oil fields, pronounce the indications most promising.

Like Spindle Top.
The formations pierced by the drill are very similar to those found at Spindle Top, Texas. The great gushers there are all under quicksands, which occasioned Captain Lucas so much trouble and expense, and were only pierced after the exercise of the greatest ingenuity and perseverance, in the face of the scientific dictum that petroleum could not exist in quantities below quicksands. The Centerville well has gone through rock and sandstone, gas and petroleum bearing sands and gravels, marls, lignite, and thick strata of heavy clays, which correspond in a striking degree with the Spindle Top formation, and are largely at variance with the geological descriptive sheet for this section.

Options on Land.
It has been ascertained that prominent oil companies and operators from Texas and Pennsylvania have taken up large tracts in the vicinity of the original syndicate holdings, and that options upon some 2,000 acres have been secured by business men of this city, who have had experts examining the field.

From elderly residents of Prince George county, Md., it has been ascertained that these surface indications of native crude petroleum have been known to exist for half a century or more, but no one ever suspected their character or made any inquiry about them. They are now being found in every direction from the Centerville well, some of them in the District of Columbia.

A Well on His Farm.

A prominent business man of this city is arranging to sink a well on his farm between here and Centerville and it is rumored that a Pennsylvania oil company is about to commence operations near the District line. It is reported that another syndicate will shortly start two wells on tracts they have secured between Centerville and the river.

The experts' reports give promise as the base of the hydro-carbons found, which in simple language means that the deposit is illuminating petroleum. It has been ascertained that the original syndicate has quietly incorporated at a small capital, the original members holding all the stock. They have built a high fence around their works and permit inspection only in presence of an officer of the company. While somewhat reticent, the syndicate people all appear to be satisfied with the progress made and the outlook.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Rain this afternoon and probably to-night; Saturday fair; variable winds.

TEMPERATURE.
Temperature at 9 a. m. 70
Temperature at 12 m. 68
Temperature at 1 p. m. 68

CONDITION OF THE WATER.
Temperature and condition of the water at 8 a. m.: Great Falls—Temperature, 76; condition, 1. Dalecarlia reservoir—Temperature, 72; condition at north connection, 2; condition at south connection, 28. Georgetown distributing reservoir—Temperature, 72; condition at influent gatehouse, 6; condition at effluent gatehouse, 6. Washington city reservoir—Temperature, 68; condition at influent, 26; condition at effluent, 26.

THE SUN AND THE MOON.
Sun rises, 5:52 a. m. Sun sets, 5:52 p. m.
Moon rises, 12:25 a. m. Moon sets, 1:00 p. m.

TIDE TABLE.
Low tide, 2:35 a. m. and 3:11 p. m.
High tide, 9:31 a. m. and 9:55 p. m.

STREET LIGHTING.
Lamps lit today, 5:29 p. m.
Lamps out tomorrow, 5:00 a. m.

AMUSEMENTS.
National Theater—"The Defender," evening.
Columbia Theater—"Liberty Bells," evening.
Lafayette Opera House—"Zaza," evening.
Chase's Theater—Polite Vaudeville, afternoon and evening.
Academy of Music—"The Cattle King," evening.
Empire Theater—Musical comedy, afternoon and evening.
Kernan's—Burlesque, afternoon and evening.

EXCURSIONS.
Norfolk and Washington line for Port Monroe and Norfolk at 6:30 p. m.
Chesapeake Beach—See schedule under "Railroads and Steamboats" for time.
Trains leave Pennsylvania Avenue and Thirteenth-and-a-half Street for Alexandria and Arlington every half hour; Mount Vernon hourly, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

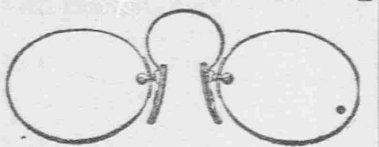
**JERUSALEM COLORED
BAPTIST CHURCH BEGUN**
Old Frame Structure Demolished and Foundation of New \$2,000 Building on P Street Completed.

The erection of the Jerusalem Baptist Church, colored, will soon be begun. The old frame structure, which stood on the site of the new church, has been demolished, and the foundation for the new church completed. The building will cost \$2,000 and will be constructed by George E. Adams.

For a number of years the congregation of the church has been worshipping in the old frame structure on the west side of Twenty-sixth Street, just north of P Street.

\$1.25 To Baltimore and Return \$1.25
Via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets on sale Saturday and Sunday, September 27 and 28, good to return until last train Sunday, 28th. All trains except Congressional Limited.

Callisher's Saturday Sales
\$2.50 Spectacles and Eyeglasses for One Dollar
Increase very week. Our customers recommend their friends.



Here Are Some of Our Offers:
Gold-filled Spectacles and Eyeglasses, worth \$2.50. Warranted for 10 years. \$1.00
Frameless Eyeglasses, with Solid Gold Springs, worth \$2.50, for \$1.00
WE'LL SAVE YOU MONEY. CORRECT EYE EXAMINATION FREE.

CALLISHER,
917 Pa. Ave. N. W.

ASKED TO PICK A STYLE FOR NEW BUSINESS HIGH

Board of Education to Furnish Plans of Proposed School Building

At the instance of Colonel Biddle, the Engineer Commissioner, the Commissioners have written to the Board of Education requesting information at an early date with reference to the size and manner of the building desired for the proposed Business High School. The amount of money available under the appropriation for this building is \$175,000, and Colonel Biddle states that this would allow only about 20,000 square feet of ground to be occupied, with two stories and basement.

Attention is called to the fact that the space on the site purchased for the building is about 26,000 square feet, and he says the building could be constructed so as to have additions made later to occupy the entire lot, or that it could be built larger on the ground and a story added at some future time. Colonel Biddle seems to doubt the wisdom of either course, and the Board of Education is asked for information on the following points:

"The relative number of male and female pupils to be accommodated, with any subdivisions of the building deemed necessary for the different sexes; the number of rooms desired on the first floor, stating the character and uses of each room; the maximum number of pupils to be accommodated in the several rooms at any one time; the same for the second floor, with expressions of opinion as to the size and arrangements of study halls, libraries, and other rooms peculiar to the character of a business high school, or in lieu of the above information a reference to some building used for the purposes mentioned in some city not too remote, with suggestions as to improvements in plan or arrangement of the same to suit the local conditions."

BOSTON PILGRIMS HERE.
About twenty members of the Gettysburg Pilgrim Club, of Boston, are in Washington seeing the sights. The party goes to Arlington and Mt. Vernon today.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return Via B. & O. R. R. Saturday and Sunday, September 27 and 28. Tickets valid returning until midnight train Sunday night. All trains both ways except Royal Limited.

\$1.00 to Frederick, Keedysville for Antietam, Hagerstown, Harper's Ferry, Martinsburg, and Winchester Via B. & O. R. R.
Sunday, September 28, by special train, leaving Washington 8:30 a. m. Returning leave Winchester and Hagerstown at 6:15; Keedysville, 6:30; Harper's Ferry and Frederick, 7 p. m. These are round-trip tickets, and at a season when the country is beautiful.

RETAIL LIQUOR DEALERS' NATIONAL CONVENTION

President Jordan Expects October Meeting to Be Largely Attended and Full of Interest.

The Retail Liquor Dealers' Association of the United States will hold a national convention in this city October 14, 15, and 16. Mr. E. L. Jordan, president of the organization, expects the meeting to be largely attended and of unusual interest.

The general committee on arrangements of the local dealers is composed of Hugh F. Harvey, chairman; George A. Davidson, secretary; S. G. Stewart, and William McGuire.

The entertainment committee consists of W. F. Rick, chairman; R. M. Leonard, E. J. Frank, John Fitzmorris, W. E. Nau, Frank Solan, George C. Groener, S. R. Collins, C. O. Brill, E. H. Neumeier, C. A. Sweeney, George E. Linkins, and C. A. Eckstein.

The principal office of the National Association of Retail Liquor Dealers are: President, E. L. Jordan, Washington; secretary, R. J. Halle, Chicago; organizer, P. H. Nolan, New York; treasurer, Anton Hauber, Washington; chairman executive committee, J. H. Kane, Wilmington, Del.; Congressional committee, William McGuire, chairman, Washington.

EXAMINATION FOR ELIGIBLES.

On October 21 the Civil Service Commission will hold an examination to secure eligibles for the position of hydrographer in the Geological Survey. Examinations will be held on November 1 for the position of cancelling machine expert, and on November 11, 12, and 13 for that of mechanical draftsman.

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Some people "shop" in order to reap the most benefit from their money. (They usually end up here.) Others come direct to us and save the time and worry. We've "shopped" for you—better and more thoroughly than you can. The leading markets of the world have been our "stores." We've seen all and bought the best they could furnish. That goods are right—and prices, too, is evidenced by the establishment's success.

Parker-Bridget Clothing is Economical

It's real economy to buy well made clothing. It not only looks well all the time but it lasts well. It has been most every man's experience in a streak of misplaced economy to indulge in a cheap suit of clothes and find he hasn't the courage to wear them after a few weeks' service.

We've gained the clothing trade of Washington by selling good, honestly-made clothing. When a man buys a Parker-Bridget Suit or Overcoat he expects a great deal of it, and we've never seen one man dissatisfied. Once a patron of this house it becomes a habit to come back again every time anything is wanted.

This fall's preparation is only what you'd expect of us—that is, an improvement. You'll find a cut about the Parker-Bridget clothing that's extremely new to you. You'll find a finish you've never seen in clothing of the kind before.

**Suits, \$10 to \$35
Overcoats,
\$12 to \$35.**

The Best Clothing that the Boys Wear.

Some houses confine themselves to a limited amount of capital to be invested in each department. Every department chief in this house has full rein to go ahead and make his department the best of its kind in Washington. We'll win your trade on merit—or we won't win it at all. This Boy's Clothing Department is a fit illustration of completeness. There's nothing you call for we can't show you. We sell Boy's Clothing at prices that range from the slightest to the necessary cost of the best. We make it a particular point to take good care of the boys' needs. We make it an equally strong point to ask as little as we can. There's an apt illustration of much for little in the Boys' Suits we sell at \$3.95. They're school suits—that is, we call them school suits. All the styles are assembled in the lot. Blouse, Vestee, Double-breasted Suits, etc., and we include with those Double-breasted Suits two \$3.95 pairs of pants, too. The price is a special figure....

Just a word about Boys' Overcoats. The smaller boys—boys from 3 to 8 years old—are going to wear the Russian Overcoats. Some prefer the severely plain, some trimmed with silk frogs. They're pretty coats—and they're shown in every color you'll want. \$5 up.

Footwear of the Best Sort.

We told you last week that Bluchers were to be the thing. Haven't you noticed how many are being worn? The fad didn't start here. New York gave us our hint—and as we are always ready to take a good one, we retailed it to Washington. But to come back to shoes—we want to recommend the Coruna Colt Bluchers. They're about as well as shoes can be.

And for every day wear—when one doesn't want "the patent leather shine"—there are at least a hundred different styles and lasts in box calf, vici and velour calf shoes.

Prices, \$3.50 to \$6.00.

Parker, Bridget & Co., HEAD-TO-FOOT OUTFITTERS, Ninth and the Avenue.



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It answers every requirement—builds up the system—makes one strong. Physicians recommend Golden Hop Beer. Try it. 12 qts. for \$1.00
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ALWAYS THE BEST OF EVERYTHING FOR THE LEAST MONEY.

OPEN UNTIL 9 P. M. TOMORROW.

Spicy Bargains for Saturday's Shoppers.

There is a strong tinge of economy in the bargains offered for Saturday. And with the many demands made on the purse by the approach of fall, such economies are not to be ignored.

Price-Savings in Suits and Jackets.

Walking Suits are even more popular this season than ever before. Such a sensible costume appeals to sensible women. Here is an opportunity to secure a grand Walking Suit tomorrow greatly under price. Tomorrow we shall offer 83 Superior Suits, consisting of a manufacturer's entire sample line, which include fine chevrons, vicunas, thibet and fancy Scotch patterns, with postilion backs and skirt is made with new fare. In fact it is a collection of high-class novelties that never before have been offered at such a price. The styles are exclusive. These Suits sell regularly at \$22.50 to \$30. Your choice

Tomorrow at \$18.50.

Tomorrow we shall also offer in this department a line of Fine Silk Frock and Frill Coats—fashion's latest mandate, that sell everywhere at \$3 and \$10, tomorrow our price is—**\$5.50**
Suit Department—Second floor.

Toilet and Health Articles.

There is always big money's worth given in this department, and Saturday we make the prices even more interesting.

Red Rubber Gloves, for household and other purpose. Special for Saturday, per pair, 50c.
Marvel Whisking Spray Syringe. Special for Saturday at \$2.98.
Mumfry's Witch Hazel. Special for Saturday at 10c.
Woodland Violet Talcum Powder. Special for Saturday at 15c.
Clara Lipman's Tooth Powder at the special price of 15c.
Hummer's Camphorated Chalk Tooth Powder. Special at 25c.
S. K. S. & C. Ammonia—a 2-qt. bottle—for 10c.
S. K. S. & C. Double Distilled Witch Hazel. Special at 10c and 15c.
15c Whisk Brooms. Saturday special at 10c.
Sea Salt, per bag, 12c and 5c.
Listerine, 40c bottle, and 17c.
Southern Elderflower Toilet Soap, 3 cakes for 10c.
S. K. S. & C. Pure White Hazel Soap, 3 cakes for 10c.
Savon Violet Soap, 3 cakes for 12c.
Snoocherry Soap—10 cakes for 10c.
Carmel Castile Soap, 3 cakes for 25c.
S. K. S. & C. Pure Glycerine Soap, 6 cakes for 25c.
Angeli Floating Soap, 3 cakes for 25c.
Florida Water Soap, 3 cakes for 25c.
Violettes Des Alpes Soap, 3 cakes for 7c.
Wire Hair Brushes—10c quality—Saturday for 10c.
Rubber Sponges, 10c, 75c, and 50c.
Riker's Almond Meal, per jar, 24c.
Riker's Pure Florentine Ovals, 1/2-lb. package, 35c.
Riker's Tooth Powder, per can, 15c.
Riker's Liquid Green Soap, per bottle, 24c.
Real Ebony Hair Brushes, stiff white bristles; regular price, \$1. Saturday's special at 60c.
Howard's Hair Brushes—a special value at 50c.
Harnish Nail Enamel, per jar, 35c.
Dorin's Rouge, per box, 15c.
Ideal Hair Brushes, 98c and 75c.
Mrs. Yale's Hair Dressing, per bottle, 75c.
Mrs. Yale's Complexion Powder, per box, 42c.
Mrs. Yale's Almond Cream—the best on the market—per jar, 75c.
Emory Boards, per dozen, 10c.
Colgate's Violet Toilet Water, per bottle, 15c.
Hudnut's Headache Cologne, per bottle, 75c.
Deer of Violet Toilet Water, per bottle, 25c.
Toilet Articles and Druggist Sundries—first floor—Sections A and B.

New Fall Jewelry.

Pretty quaint new ideas in Jewelry are realized in our showing. The least prices are named, too.

Pearl Necklaces, containing 1 row 25c
of pearls, 98c down to 10c.
Pearl Necklaces, containing 3 rows 98c
of pearls, for 10c.
Pearl Necklaces, containing 4 \$1.25
of pearls, for 10c.
Necklaces containing 4 rows of pearls, with slides, mounted with clear white stones; also with pearls in slides, \$1.49
\$2.98, \$1.98, and 10c.
All the higher grades Pearl \$3.98 to \$15
Solid Gold Filled Scarf Pins, with real opal settings, in wreath and hofu—39c
New style Brooch Pins, set with white rhinestones and pearls. Special at 49c.
Pearl Hat Pins, with white stone setting, our own imitation. Spe. 25c
Solid Gold Shell Rings, with one, two and three large pearl settings. 49c
Sterling Silver Belt Pins. Special at 39c
New style Belt Pins for 49c
Pearl Bar Pins. Special at 19c
Heavy Sterling Chatelaine pins. 49c
German Silver Chatelaine Bags, fish scale mesh, and heavy top; a \$1 value. \$3.98
Special for Saturday at 49c
Cupid Brooch Pins, in oxidized and French gray silver finish, for 15c
Washington in a nutshell, a souvenir of the 30th G. A. R. Special at 25c
Gun Metal Pencils. Special at 25c
Souvenir Aluminum Trays, with Washington views, 3 for 25c
Aluminum Soap Boxes. Special at 25c
Aluminum Hair Receivers. Special at 49c
Jewelry Department—first floor—Sections G and H.

Model Corsets.

This Corset Department is stocked with the model Corsets of each maker. No matter what the price, you are assured of securing a perfect fitting Corset.

"Nemo" Corset, made of fine coutil, for medium and slender figures, with 12 extensions for stout and fat. \$1.00
"Nemo" Corsets, made of fine coutil, low bust, straight front, short hip; trimmed with lace at the top; especially adapted for slender figures. Price, \$1.00
"Nemo" Hip-spring Corsets, made of fine coutil, low bust, very long over the hips; trimmed at the top with lace and baby ribbons. Price, \$1.75
"Nemo" Self-reducing Corsets, made of fine French coutil; a splendid corset for tall, stout women; extra long above and below the waist line, and trimmed at top with wide lace and baby ribbons. This corset positively reduces the abdomen. Price, \$2.50
"Nemo" Self-reducing Corsets for short-waisted stout women; made of fine coutil; straight front; has a 1 1/2 bust; short under the arms and long below waist line. It gives a slender appearance to the waist and reduces the abdomen. Price, \$2.50
"Nemo" Self-reducing Corsets, made of fine coutil, straight front, medium high bust; wide lace and baby ribbons. Price, \$2.50
Made in all sizes from 21 to 35. \$2.50
A special at 49c.
Corset Department—second floor.

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More beautiful and satisfying than ever. KANN'S SPECIAL SHOE FOR WOMEN \$1.95.
This special line, which has always been wanted, is now ready to show. We have grouped under this name a showing we feel satisfied will be second to none. The new close-edge and arch lasts look so much neater and give the foot a better appearance. They come in kid skin, calf skin and patent leather. Twenty-five styles; in all widths and sizes, at per \$1.95 pair.

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Shoe Department—second floor.

Specials in Knives, Forks, and Spoons.

4,000 Silver-plated Tea Spoons, each, 4c.
2,500 Silver-plated Table Spoons, each, 9c.
2,500 Silver-plated Tea Forks, each, 9c.
2,500 Silver-plated Table Knives, each, 11c.
1,500 Silver-plated Dessert Spoons, each, 10c.
200 Silver-plated Butter Knives, each, 10c.
1,000 Silver-plated Spoon Spoons, each, 10c.
1,000 Steel Knives, each, 5c.
1,000 Steel Forks, each, 5c.
1,000 Steel Spoons, each, 5c.
4,000 Malacca-plate Table Spoons, each, 2c.
Housekeeping Department—third floor.

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New Plaid Belts, with cupola ornamentation and dip buckles. Special at 75c.
Portillon Plaid Belts, with harness buckle. Special at 75c.
Black Silk Postillon Belts; a wide price range from \$2.98 down to 25c.
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Walrus Seal, Morocco leather, bird bags; silkette and leather lined; gold and silver frames. Special at 49c.
Real Seal, Suede and Walrus Leather Wrist Bags, complete with long chains; curved and straight frames; also inside frame; silk lined. Special at 98c.
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Stylish and Well-Made Men's Suits

Men's Suits	Men's Suits	Men's Suits
The other stores ask you \$10 for this kind.	The nearest assortment and no biest suits you ever want to wear. Other stores ask \$15 for them.	The best lot of Suits for this season's fashionable men. All the latest weaves.
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Special G. A. R. Suits at the very lowest price.

Boys' School Suits
Boys' Double Breasted Suits in neat patterns. Sizes 7 to 16 years. Worth \$3.50. Our price is \$1.98.

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